Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An image retrieval ~~system that retrieves static image data associated with video data,~~ system, comprising:

a storage unit that stores static image data ~~which are~~ associated with time positions in a video data, the static image data being displayed with the video during time positions with which the static image data are associated;

an input unit that accepts an input keyword from a user;

a first ~~an~~ extraction unit that extracts a character string contained in the static image data by at least one of (1) extracting text data from the static image data which has the text data, and (2) performing character recognition processing on the static image data and extracting text data which is a result of the processing;

a second extraction unit that extracts the keyword input by the user from at least one of meta-data and voice index data,

a first extraction performed by the first extraction unit and a second extraction performed by the second extraction unit being instructed by the user on a same screen;

a retrieval unit that matches the extracted character string with the input keyword to retrieve relevant static image ~~data;~~ data, the retrieval unit retrieving at least one of the meta-data and the voice index data that include the input keyword;

~~a retrieval result display unit that displays the retrieved relevant static image data, varying size of the displayed relevant static image data based on at least one of importance of the static image data and information added to the static image data;~~ and

a video display unit that, according to the user's operation for selecting at least one of the displayed relevant static image data, reproduces and displays associated video data during time positions with which the selected static image data are associated.

2-3.   (Canceled)

4.   (Currently Amended) An image retrieval ~~method for retrieving static image data associated with video data,~~ method, comprising:

associating static image data with time positions in ~~the~~ video data, the static image data being displayed with the video data during time positions with which the static image data are associated;

performing a first extraction that extracts ~~extracting~~ a character string contained in the static image data by at least one of (1) extracting text data from the static image data which has the text data, and (2) performing character recognition processing on the static image data and extracting text data which is a result of the processing; ~~and~~

performing a second extraction that extracts an input keyword input by a user from at least one of meta-data and voice index data,

the first extraction being different from the second extraction, both the first extraction and the second extraction being instructed by the user on a same screen;

matching ~~an input~~ the input keyword input by ~~a user~~ the user with the extracted character string to retrieve relevant static image ~~data;~~ data and retrieving at least one of the meta-data and the voice index data that include the input keyword;

~~displaying the retrieved relevant static image data, varying the size of the displayed relevant static image data based on at least one of importance of the static image data and information added to the static image data;~~ and

reproducing and displaying, according to the user's operation for selecting at least one of the displayed relevant static image data, associated video data during time positions with which the selected static image data are associated.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) A storage medium readable by a computer, the storage medium storing a program of instructions executable by the computer to perform a function for retrieving ~~static~~ image ~~data associated with video~~ data, the function comprising:

associating static image data with time positions in a video data, the static image data being displayed with the video data during time positions with which the static image data are associated;

accepting an input keyword from a user;

performing a first extraction that extracts ~~extracting~~ a character string contained in the static image data by at least one of (1) extracting text data from the static image data which has the text data, and (2) performing character recognition processing on the static image data and extracting text data which is a result of the processing; ~~and~~

performing a second extraction that extracts the keyword input by the user from at least one of meta-data and voice index data,

the first extraction being different from the second extraction, both the first extraction and the second extraction being instructed by the user on a same screen;

matching the extracted character string with the input keyword to retrieve relevant static image ~~data;~~ data and retrieving at least one of the meta-data and the voice index data that include the input keyword;

~~displaying the retrieved relevant static image data, varying the size of the displayed relevant static image data based on at least one of importance of the static image data and information added to the static image data;~~ and

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reproducing and displaying, according to the user's operation for selecting at least one of the displayed relevant static image data, associated video data during time positions with which the selected static image data are associated.

7-8.   (Canceled)

9.   (New) The image retrieval system of claim 1, wherein the video display unit displays a time scale including a slidable plug, and the user's operation for selecting at least one of the displayed relevant static image data comprises moving the slidable plug to select a slide image that is associated with the time position of the video data to be replayed.

10.   (New) The image retrieval method according to claim 4, wherein the user's operation for selecting at least one of the displayed relevant static image data comprises moving a slidable plug on a displayed time scale to select a slide image that is associated with the time position of the video data to be replayed.

11.   (New) The storage medium according to claim 6, wherein the user's operation for selecting at least one of the displayed relevant static image data comprises moving a slidable plug on a displayed time scale to select a slide image that is associated with the time position of the video data to be replayed.